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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY AMMAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 11536

STATE FOR A/SY/FO, SY/PIB NEA

AMMAN FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTACK ON AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

1. AT 1200 HOURS THIS DATE ONE AHMED IS'ID SAID
MADE CONTACT WITH DAO ELEMENT AMEMBASSY BEIRUT.
RSO WAS NOTIFIED AND JOINT INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE.

2. SUMMARY: SAID ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PLANNING TO
ATTACK THE AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI. IT IS THEIR
INTENT TO ATTACK THE EMBASSY, SECURE AS MANY HOSTAGES
AS POSSIBLE, DEMAND AN AIRCRAFT, AND FLY TO SANCTUARY
IN LIBYA. THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS ALLEGEDLY
"INTIQAM" WHICH TRANSLATES AS EITHER "VENGEANCE" OR
"REVENGE". THIS ATTACK ALLEGEDLY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING
RAMADAN.

3. DETAILS: SAID CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE
AMEMBASSY AMMAN FROM 1957 TO 1960. HIS JORDANIAN
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PASSPORT IN FACT INDICATES HE WAS EMPLOYED

THERE AS A DRIVER. IN 1960 HE LEFT JORDAN TO GO INTO BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE IS CURRENTLY OPERATING A RESTAURANT IN SHARJAH (PHONETIC)N PART OF THE UAE. THIS RESTAURANT SPECIALIZES IN JORDANIAN AND LEBANESE COOKING AND FREQUENTED BY A NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS.

4. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY DAYS AGO HE OVERHEARD A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE BELOW-LISTED INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENT HIS ESTABLISHMENT. ESSENTIALLY THEY WERE PLANNING TO ATTACK THE US EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI DURING RAMADAN, TAKE AS MANY HOSTAGES AS POSSIBLE, DEMAND AN AIRCRAFT, THEN FLY TO SANCTUARY IN LIBYA. NO RATIONALE WAS GIVEN FOR THIS PROPOSED ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, THE NAME OF THE GROUP IS "INTIQAM" ("VENGEANCE" OR "REVENGE"). THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE GROUP KNOWN TO SAID IS 8, BUT THERE MAY BE MORE. CURRENTLY, THEIR INVENTORY OR ORDNANCE CONSISTS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND PISTOLS. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE GROUP DOES NOT HAVE A VEHICLE.

5. SAID ADVISED IT IS WELL KNOWN IN SHARJAH THAT HE IS A FORMER U.S. EMPLOYEE, AND THAT IT WAS THEREFORE NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY ABU DHABI DIRECTLY. HIS RESTAURANT IS NORMALLY CLOSED DURING RAMADAN, SO IT WAS AN EASY MATTER TO COME TO BEIRUT ON THE PRETEXT OF HOLIDAY TRAVEL AND APPLICATION FOR A U.S. VISA. SAID FURTHER ADVISED HIS LIFE WOULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER IF IT BECAME KNOWN HE INFORMED ON THE "INTIQAM" GROUP. THE NAMES OF THE GROUP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) JAMAL 'ADIL IMRAD

(2) HAYDAR LIMZANI

(BOTH OF THE ABOVE ARE FORMER EGYPTIAN ARMY CAPTAINS WHO LEFT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY IN 1974 RETURNED TO CHAJAH, AND APPEAR TO BE THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP.)

(3) QASIM MOHAMMED ABU (FROM ABH-DHAHAB JORDAN)

(4) ABKAR MOHAMMED BADANI (FROM NORTH YEMEN)

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(5) HOSNI MOHAMMED SALIH (FROM HAIFA)

(6) ABD AL KARIM SALIH YOUSIF (FROM BAL'A)

6. FOR AMMAN: REQUEST A CHECK BE MADE TO CONFIRM, IF POSSIBLE, EMPLOYMENT OF SAID AT AMEMBASSY AMMAN FROM 1957 TO 1960.

7. FOR ABU DHABI: IF THIS INFORMATION TURNS OUT

TO BE EVEN PARTLY VALID, SAID'S LIFE COULD IN FACT
BE IN DANGER IF IT IS LEARNED HE INFORMED.
REQUEST YOU TREAT THIS INFORMATION AND ITS SOURCE
ACCORDINGLY.

8. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: WE WILL ADVISE IF FURTHER
INFORMATION COMES TO LIGHT. RSO BEIRUT CONSIDERS
INFORMATION VALID ENOUGH TO TAKE SERIOUSLY.
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